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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology RESOURCE CENTRE

Joshua, 21 months, and Karen, 13 months, enjoy a snack after their afternoon nap at Niagara's Infant Care centre. (Photo by Potter)

Infant Care program gives 'extended scope'

By ROB POTTER

Trivia time. How old are the youngest students at Niagara College?

Answer: Two months.

Niagara has not eased its admission policies, but there are "students" here who range in age from two months to two years. They are part of Niagara's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centre which admitted infants for the first time in September, 1974.

This program takes in 10 to 12 infants daily and they receive full day care from qualified staff and students in the ECE program.

Babies came to Niagara for the first time after approval had been granted for an Infant Care program—which would have been third year of the ECE program. However, budget difficulties prevented the program from being offered at that time.

Margaret Hamilton, program coordinator, hopes the third year will be offered this September.

"We just haven't been able to find the funds for it yet," she said.

Infant care has extended the scope of the ECE centre. Students gain experience with babies as well as with older children, and the babies themselves may remain at the centre until they are ready for school.

The program also serves the working mothers of the area.

The children are provided with full-time day care for any part of the mother's work-day from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

While the babies are here, food and diapers are provided parents, but feeding and changing are done by ECE staff.

The centre is especially convenient for Niagara College staff and students. Mrs. Hamilton stressed, however, that no preference is given to college personnel. The centre is operated strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.

She also pointed out that the centre is "not just casual baby-sitting." The children must register and attend full-time. The cost is $25 per week.

Mrs. Hamilton said the cost is the only real problem with the infant care program.

"We need a ratio of one teacher to every three children," she said. "With the older children, we only need one teacher to seven children. This makes it more costly for us."

The infant care centre is staffed by two graduates of the ECE program who have their Infant Care diplomas from the summer program at Lambton College.

Travel Club logo contest

A contest is being held to design a logo, insignia or emblem for the Niagara College Travel Club.

Entries, which should be submitted to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office, must be in tomorrow.

A $10 gift certificate for Sam's Records plus two free passes for a winery excursion will be awarded to the contest winner. Travel Club public relations person Bev Hands said the design should be travel-related and kept simple.

$7,900 extra

SAC enjoys a funds surplus, looking for spending ideas

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has surplus funds for the first time and is looking for something to do with the money.

The statement of account shows a surplus of $7,948.14 excluding winter term activity fees which should be about $40,000, Jim Chapman, vice-president of finance, said.

The statement covers the period from April 1, 1975, to Jan. 15, 1976. It shows $44,048.00 in revenue and $28,522.86 in actual expenses. Committed expenses total $7,577. Total expenses for SAC are $36,099.86 to leave them with $7,948.14 in the black.

Committed expenses are funds for campus clubs and satellites while actual expenses cover the athletic program, honorariums, office equipment and grants to clubs and satellites.

"We are looking for suggestions on what to do with the profits and would welcome any suggestions from the student body," Jim said. "We should have a substantial amount of money to work with."

Niagara College treasurer Gary LaRose questioned, "Is it a profit? The money they are working with is allocated to them from students' fees. So it really isn't a profit but better budgeting, because they haven't overspent this year. I think this should carry on to the end of the term."

Mr. LaRose said he was not surprised to see the excess of funds because SAC received advice on a regular basis and the expenditures were watched more closely than in the past.

The past Mr. LaRose spoke of was as recently as last April when SAC wound up with a $5,000 deficit after expecting to be about $300 in the black.

When Dennis Reeves took over as president, he said, "We had expected to be about $300 in the black but the bills kept coming in, nobody knows from where, and the college accountants tell us now we have a $4,000 deficit."

Over the summer, the deficit was revised to $5,000 to pay its debts and to give it some operating capital. The advance covered part of September's activity fees.

Director of Student Services Al Aboud said SAC has some ideas what will be done with the money. "It is hoped that monies may be allocated to some popular activity for the students or, if this isn't feasible, the money could possibly be held in trust for a future student building that might accomodate needed student social funcitons."

Bilingual ECE in the works at Niagara

Niagara College's Early Childhood Education program (ECE) has received a $16,000 grant to begin a bilingual ECE program.

The program will begin operation in September and Margaret Hamilton is not sure how the grant—given by the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Education to establish a section of students who would be bilingual—will be used.

She said she would be meeting with I.J. Giancarlo, dean of the School of Applied Arts, to decide how the money can best be used.

"We want the money to be used in a way that is best for both the students and the children who will be in the program," Mrs. Hamilton said.

Brock pays $16,000 for hiring practices

By BILL RADUNSKY

Brock University chose to pay $16,000 for alleged discriminatory hiring practices.

Could it happen at Niagara College?

N/C protests hiring policies

Niagara College has attempted to right an injustice in hiring policies by the Ontario government. The college asks that graduates of colleges outside Toronto have an equal opportunity for government jobs.

Ken Anderson, placement officer, informed A.S. Manera, college president, that at a meeting he attended in Toronto a member of the Ontario Public Service Post Secondary Recruitment Department, Fran Thompson, said the Ontario government was going to concentrate on hiring graduates from Toronto community colleges. The reasons were lack of funds and reduction in the number of jobs.

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Brock's Board of Trustees decided to pay Dr. Marcia Reecer one year's salary in settlement of a grievance, said Dr. Alan Earp, president of Brock University. She accused the university of not hiring her because her husband was already employed in the same department she applied for.

Niagara also has a policy on the employment of relatives. The policy states: 1) A person who is a relative of a regular college staff member may be appointed to a vacant position provided that the person involved; a) will not be working in the same division or section as the regular staff member, b) will not be working in a supervisory/subordinate relationship with the regular staff member or 2) In no case shall a relative of a regular college staff member be considered to be in a preferred class by virtue of such a relationship.

A.S. Manera, president of Niagara, said the policy at Niagara is "legal" and although it may seem "unfair" at first it is based on sound reasoning. A dispute within a department containing relations could become increased beyond normal bounds and charges of favoritism could arise if allowed.

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New secretary at SAC house

Debbie Coplen has replaced Beth Bridgeman as Student Administrative Council (SAC) secretary.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, said the council asked Beth to resign because "council agreed she didn't fulfil council's expectations of a secretary." Beth is a former SAC president, and was business manager last year.

Debbie was hired shortly after the start of the new year. "We're quite pleased with the way she is fulfiling the duties of SAC secretary," Dennis said of Debbie's performance so far.

EDITORIAL

Snow plows not enough, shovel supplement needed

Every winter a new phenomenon comes to the Niagara peninsula and Welland. The mercury plunges and small white flakes float down from the sky. Yes, every winter snow arrives and every winter finds Niagara College suprised and unprepared.

And every winter, students and staff are forced into a lame duck performance as they navigate their way across the parking lots and sidewalks. Every winter, there are bad spills, dropped belongings and drenched feet. The steps to the Simcoe building should not be negotiated without master's papers.

Jack Spittle, the man in charge of plant and property and responsible for snow removal, claims that the budget for snow removal is adequate. It probably is.

The fault doesn't seem to be in the amount of money available for snow removal but in the way it is spent. Trucks with plows attached may be entirely adequate for plowing parking lots and wide sidewalks. When it comes to parking lot corners, the bridge and sidewalks to Simcoe, they plainly will not do. Because these areas are not properly cleaned, ice and snow builds up, sometimes six inches thick. Heavy foot traffic then digs narrow ruts, making a great ankle-twisting course.

The answer does not lie in the heavy use of sand or salt, sometimes favored by maintenance staff. Not only is the stuff tracked through the halls, but it is dirty. When the ground is wet, it splashed on clothing in an undecorative pattern.

There is clearly nothing in the winter to compare with a well-wielded snow shovel. If the staff is so over-worked that it can't find the time, then perhaps some unemployed could be hired on an as-needed basis. In this way, staff and students could get the safe enviroment they deserve and others could have some useful employment.

After all, winter does come every year and there is no excuse for poor planning.

Bev Delaney

Frozen waterscape

Record-breaking January cold almost stops the waterfall at Dufferin Islands in Niagara Falls. (Photo by Delaney)

Letter to the editor

Theatre centre forgotten alternative

Dear Editor:

Although I am not suggesting that the Wintario Draw be performed at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, I resent the fact that no one considered the existence of our stage during discussions to date.

At the proscenium, our stage is 32 fet wide, with a total with backstage of 44 feet (Wintario requirement: 40 feet). The minimum depth of the stage is 24 feet, with an alcove going back another 10 to 12 feet. (Wintario: 32 feet). Stairs of any size and shape are kept in stock, and with little dificulty, modifications that have been made to the house could be removed, making possible a capacity of 500-700 people. The maximum possible throw available to the cameras would be approximately 120 feet. A total of 315 amps is available for any electrical equipment that needs to run.

As the building is 60 years old, and not at all modernized, I do not feel that it would be the ideal setting for creating an image of Welland as a modern developing city. Still, I do wish that more people, both in the school, and in the city, would become more aware of the existence of a theatre doing live presentations on a regular basis, especially since it is their tax dollars that make it exist.

Finally, I am sick of having people think that I am an usher at the Park Theatre when I tell them that I am in theatre.

Sincerely yours,
Tomas m.g. Legrady (sic)

SPENDING IDEAS HELP WANTED

The Student Administrative Council [SAC] has a surplus of more than $7,000 and is looking for ideas from the students of Niagara College as what to do with the money.

Students are encouraged to submit suggestions to the Niagara News. The ideas will be forwarded to SAC for further appraisal.

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BULLPIT

Of guests, Olympics and Quebec quibbling

by JOHN BRUCE

Bullpit is a free expression of opinion by journalism students and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Niagara News or the administration, faculty, staff and other students of Niagara College.

The most onerous social task I can think of is having to invite someone to a party that I don't want to have around.

I just hate the thought of inviting someone I know will get drunk, wear a lampshade on his head and molest all the women in sight, and then deposit his dinner all over my new Persian rug on his way out the door.

That's why I can empathize with the organizers of the Olympics in Montreal.

As if they didn't have enough to contend with, considering the strikes, delays, the 300 per cent increase in costs and a name that, in Spanish, translates into an incredibly obscene gesture.

And now, on top of all this, they have to invite an unwanted guest—though unwanted for somewhat different reasons from mine. They have to invite that social misfit, that symbol of British imperialism, Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to open the Olympic party. It was bad enough losing the battle of the Plains of Abraham, but do we have to kick it in their faces?

In fact, I could sympathize with the feelings of the French-Canadians completely, were I not a die-hard monarchist, and getting a little fed up with all the screaming and yelling about the Olympics to boot.

As Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec correctly pointed out, the Queen is the head of state of Canada, whether Quebec likes it or not. And, whether La Belle Province likes it or not, the head of state of the host country is supposed to open the Olympics. End of case!

But Bourassa is not without blame in this silly, petty issue.

He was most irresponsible in not putting a muzzle on the members of the Quebec cabinet, (the one in Quebec City) who disagreed with the decision to invite the Queen. How better to fan the fires of the French-Canadian lunatic fringe than to have provincial cabinet members publicly agree with them?

But there is one angle that Bourassa, Trudeau and Drapeau should consider— the reaction of English Canada if any attempt is made to harm the Queen. We won't even think about the reaction if she were seriously injured or killed.

And there is one thing Her Majesty should remember. When she christens the good ship Olympic Stadium with the champagne bottle, she must not swing too hard, or the stadium may well come down around her ears.

NC to opt out of gov't. operations program, low 1st year enrolments cited by Giancarlo

Due to lack of student interest, Government Operations, a program aimed at training students for junior executive positions in regional and municipal governments, is being phased out of the college curriculum.

"One of the major problems was that we were not attracting sufficient first year enrolment," I.J. Giancarlo, dean of the School of Applied Arts, said. "There were just too few students to keep it going."

This decision has still to be approved by the Board of Governors.

The reason for the low enrolment is perplexing. The college conducted a comprehensive study to find out why; it showed that more than 3,000 federal, provincial and municipal jobs were available each year and half of these could be easily filled by graduates of the Government Operations program.

"There are good employment opportunities for graduates and salaries are reasonably good," Mr. Giancarlo said.

Mr. Giancarlo said the course has been plagued with low enrolment since its inception in 1969 with 13 first year students. It reached its peak in 1971 with 22 but "it has been going down ever since."

"The last few years we have averaged only about 10 first year students a year."

The academic council began phasing out the program last September by dropping the first year. Second year students will graduate in April.

Mr. Giancarlo said the program will still be offered through extension.

"We are phasing out the program but will retain the advisory committee and courses in extension for those students still interested. If we find that quite an interest develops for it in the evenings, then we will make a presentation to the president for re-opening the course."

Mr. Giancarlo said losing the program would allow its financial resources to be diverted to other programs.

Mr. Giancarlo said he hopes to add third years to two programs: Infant Care and Interior Design. He also hopes to introduce a program in working French, entitled Le Francais—Instrument de Travail.

Only 12 turn out to discuss increases

By JOHN BRUCE

A grand total of 12 students turned out Jan. 12 for the general student body meeting, called by Dennis Reeves, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, to explain proposed increases in honoraria of SAC officers. Seven of the 12 in attendance were women.

Dennis said the vote on increases *definitely* would be held Monday, Feb. 2. "We're voting Monday," Dennis emphasized.

One of the many reasons for the delay in taking the vote is a constitutional wrangle over membership of SAC, while the constitution states that each full-time student at the college and its satellite campuses are all members of SAC with voting rights at a general meeting.

"Everyone present here next Monday can vote," Dennis said.

Dennis said the increases could be passed by constitutional amendment. This would require a two-thirds majority of SAC executive council members present to be accepted. "There's a lot of ways you can get around things," Dennis said.

Dennis said he is not happy with the present SAC constitution. "The wording's so vague." He blamed most of the hassles over the proposed honoraria increases on the vague language of the constitution. He wans't sure who wrote it but said, "They must've been asleep when they wrote it."

He plans to suggest to the new council in March that a full redraft of the constitution would be in order.

One amendment Dennis wants to make this year concerns SAC's recording secretary and vice-president of external affairs.

The proposed amendment would abolish both positions. SAC's executive vice-president would take over the duties of the recording secretary for SAC executive minutes and would attend all student club meetings and record their minutes as well. This person would also assume the duties of the former vice-president for external affairs. "That's my reason for the size of the proposed increase," Dennis said.

Constitution sets out rules for giving SAC executive raise

The main reason increases in honoraria for members of the Student Administrative Council's (SAC) had not been voted on is a complicated constitutional wrangle.

The constitution of the Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology Student Administrative Council contains the following☆

Article 111

a) Only students who are full-time students enrolled in the faculty of Humanities, Technology or Business of the College, who have paid the activity fee to the bursar of the College and who have received a Student Card shall qualify and shall be members of the Student Administrative Council.

Article IV

Board of Directors

The affairs of the Student Administrative Council shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the holders of the offices hereinafter set out and division representatives as herinafter defined.

Article V

Officers

The officers of the Student Administrative Council shall consist of a President, an Executive Vice-President, a Vice-President in charge of Finance (Treasurer), a Vice-President in charge of Internal Affairs, a Vice President in charge of External Affairs, a Vice-president in charge of Athletics, a Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary.

Article XXIII

Special Meetings of Student Administrative Council Quorum

A quorum for any meeting of the Student Administrative Council at which business is to be transacted shall consist of at least five (5) per cent of the Student Administrative Council.

The view of Dennis Reeves, SAC president, and Adam MacSai, vice-president of external affairs, is the officers of the Student Administrative Council comprise the total membership of the Student Administrative Council. All full-time students are members of a *student union*, not specified by the constitution.

Therefore, according to Dennis and Adam, only five (5) per cent of the *officers* are required to hold the general meeting to vote on the proposed honoraria increases.

However, Dennis said on Jan. 26, that, at the meeting Feb. 2 to vote on the proposals, anyone present in the room will have a vote on the proposals.

Use your common sense, theme of panel discussion

Use your common sense—this seemed to be the theme of a panel discussion on employment interviews and how to handle them.

The panelists—Sue Lowenberger of Lowenberger and Associates, management consultants; Richard Hens of Acres Consulting Engineers Ltd., and John Scarlett of Ford Motor Co. Ltd.—discussed solutions to many of the problems faced by students when they have job interviews.

Gord MacPherson of Niagara College placement office was moderator.

The discussion, taped by the Radio-TV Arts department, told the 60 or so students and faculty members in the audience how to prepare resumes and application forms; how to prepare, dress and behave for the interview, and how to keep in touch with employers after the interview.

Ms. Lowenberger said selling yourself was the key to job hunting, and the resume is the best selling tool at the students' disposal. She also stressed giving a good first impression by preparing a neat, professional application form.

Mr. Scarlett said that including references in the resume was always a good idea "but don't name-drop."

Mr. Hens felt that neat dress showed a good attitude on the part of the student—something all interviewers look for.

The video-tape has been placed in the audio-visual area of the Resource Centre where it available for staff and students.

New campus?

By BILL RADUNSKY

A new campus for Niagara College in Niagara Falls may be in the offing, or it may not. It may come (if it comes) in the near future, or it may not.

A state of limbo continues for Niagara as A.S. Manera, president of Niagara, and the Board of Governors look for alternative locations for the hospitality program now housed in the Sheraton-Foxhead of Niagara Falls.

On a long term basis, Mr. Manera noted at a meeting of the Finance and Property Committee on Jan. 13, the college would like to build a new campus in Niagara Falls, but, although approval in princple has been received, no funds have been allocated for planning to date and it is not likely that the campus will become a reality for approximately two to five years. In the meantime, he said, there is an immediate problem as to the location of the program for this fall.

A recent alternative for the hospitality program has arisen with the Niagara Parks Commission which may have some space available, which with some alterations, might be suitable for use by the college. However, Mr. Manera said he feels an expenditure of funds for alterations to an existing facility would mean that it would become a relatively permanent arrangement and would preclude construction of a new campus for some years.

Another alternative would be moving of the program to the main campus, using portables, although this would likely result in objections from the City of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls City Council was interested to learn Niagara expects to establish a campus in the city.

The college has been looking at various sites in Niagara Falls for a new campus. Land owned by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications has been looked into. A request that the land be given to Niagara College, free of charge for the campus, has been sent in. So far there has been no decision forthcoming. There are some problems with this location, however, one being the noise from the nearby QEW, which architects say can be reduced by various methods.

Another problem with this site comes from letters to the college from the city clerk of Niagara Falls, advising it of a possibility that there may be no access to the land from nearby streets, making the land, in effect, land-locked.

If it appears funds will not be available for some years, there is a possibility the Niagara Parks Commission's building will be looked at.

Three choices for winter trip

About 45 members of the Hospitality Club will be subsidized on one of three choices for a winter trip this February. They will share in the $800 profit from the club's Christmas dinner; only banquet staff are eligible.

A portion of the profits has also been spent to provide the 101 club members with membership cards and student directories.

Students will be able to attend the annual hospitality show "Update '76" in Toronto, visit the Quebec Winter Carnival, or ski in Vermont. All subsidies will be equal, said John Candeloro, Hospitality Club president.

Board: something old and something new

By BILL RADUNSKY

The last two charter members of the Niagara College Board of Governors, Alex Sharp of Welland and Dr. Donald H. MacDonald of Niagara-on-the-Lake have retired, and the new executive for the board has been elected.

Mr. Sharp, area supervisor for the United Steelworkers of America in the Niagara peninsula, and Dr. MacDonald, director and vice-president of Acres Consulting Services Ltd. and director of Acres International, have served on the board for nine years and are both past presidents. Mr. Sharp was president in 1974 and 1975, and Dr. MacDonald in 1972.

The two vacancies created by their retirement will be filled by Alex Ironside, recording secretary for the Niagara Falls Labour Council, and James B. McLaughlin, corporate personnel manager of Hayes Dana Ltd., Thorold.

Alderman Eugene Stranges of Welland will finish the term of Alderman Irene Stevens who resigned to complete her studies at Brock.

One more member for the board is yet to be appointed by the Council of Regents.

The executive is:

chairman	W.H. Burton
vice-chairman	G.H. Hamilton
chairman academic affairs	H.L. Kilty
chairman executive comm.	G.H. Hamilton
chairman finance, property	L.W.C. Sturgeon
chairman personnel comm.	M.E. Lancaster
chairman staff, student affairs	R.A. Wilson

Mr. Burton, a member of the board since 1970, is serving his second four-year term, has already served as chairman of finance and property committee and was vice-president of the board in 1974.

W. H. BURTON

G. H. HAMILTON

Mr. Burton lives in Welland and is a real estate broker and insurance agent with Welland Associated Agencies Ltd. He is married and has two children.

Mr. Hamilton has been on the board since 1972 and was re-elected to a four-year term in 1974.

He was chairman of the academic affairs committee in 1974. He has written three books on horticulture and has been a teacher and lecturer in science and botany. He lives in Niagara Falls, is married and has three children.

May reduce pub nights to every second week

Pubs in the future may be held every second week.

"Pubs are not making the profits they made in the fall," Fred Bassi, pub manager said. Despite uncertainty about the future, pubs are scheduled for tonight and the next two weeks. Next week's pub will feature a local band, The Spartans.

"Pubs are at the point where the running of pubs every week makes it so we are at the break even point," Mr. Bassi said. "We want to see what kind of crowd the Spartans bring us because we don't want to get too far into debt."

"We may have to alternate pubs and hold them every second week so we don't go into the red." He also suggested the possibility of holding disco nights on alternate weeks.

"The Spartans should bring us a good crowd," Mr. Bassi said, "but the prices will be $1 for students and $2 for guests."

The main problem with pubs has been the poor attendance. They are drawing about 200 people while they need 300 to break even.

In an effort to attract more to the pubs, guest passes have been abolished and a return to signing in guests has been put into effect.

"We're going without passes and we'll see what happens," Mr. Bassi said. "I hope the students keep in mind that the pubs are for the students. We may have to cancel it 400 students attend but 250 are guests. I'll be happy if 400 attend and 300 are students."

Mr. Bassi was pleased with the pub on Jan. 22 when there were no guest passes. "There was a good crowd and they seemed to respond to the music," he said. "I was pleased to see that more women are coming out to pub because it's better than a pub filled with over 300 men and very few women.

"If more students don't start showing up there may be no alternative but to cancel the pubs. I can't figure out why they're not coming out."

Slow down!

On Feb. 1, speed limits on major highways in Ontario were lowered. Where the limit was 70 miles per hour, the new limit is 60. Highways posted at 60 had the speed limit dropped to 50.

Highways affected in the Niagara region are Highways 3 and 58. Traffic signs will be changed to reflect the new limits. The rule of the road is to follow the posted limit, that is the one which will be enforced.

Highways 406 and the Queen Elizabeth Way to Hamilton are not affected.

Suzon Demers and Gilles Savard are shown here rehearsing for L'Education des Filles, first production of Le Theatre Francais du Niagara.
(Photo by Tessier)

French Theatre great success

By MARK TESSIER

A good performance, in any language is entertaining. This proved to be the case with Le Theatre Francais du Niagara and its debut production, L'Education des Filles.

The French theatre company was set up as a result of a $69,600 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant which the Applied Arts department received in early November. This play which opened Jan. 28 and will run until Feb. 7 is its first production.

The play, written by Jean Marsan, is set in Paris, in the living room of a modern 1970 household. Paula (Suzon Demers) and Robert (Richard Niquette) are the modern, rather eccentric parents of Corinne (Johanne Carreau), a lawyer, and Elisabeth (Nicole Morin), Corinne's younger sister. Also in the house is Renata (Marie Aloma), a German girl who is in the process of learning French.

The audience learns that Corinne ventured to the "Red Light" district of Paris on a lark. While there, she talked to some of the ladies of the night, was noticed and propositioned by Gaspard (Rejean Roy). As a joke, she went along with his advances, and they set a price. But when things got a little too hot for the lawyer, she ran home.

However, Gaspard followed her. He entered the house and saw in the living room the two girls, Elisabeth and Renata, both dressed in very short house-dresses. They, and the nude paintings on the walls, convinced Gaspard that he was in a bordello.

The consequences of this misapprehension are hilarious, especially when two other of Corinne's suitors arrive. Gilles, played by Roger Periard, is the commissioner of police, and Jean-Pierre, portrayed by Gilles Savard, is Corrine's frail fiance.

Although the reviewer is far from fluent in French, the play was easily understandable with the help of basic high school French and a previous knowledge of the bare bones of the plot.

Much of the humor is slapstick and with the high quality of acting in this company, it can be understood and appreciated with very little difficulty.

The irony of the situation is at all times present in the minds of the audience, thanks to excellent portrayals by Johanne Carreau, Suzon Demers, and, especially, Richard Niquette and Rejean Roy.

M. Niquette's characterization of the wacky father is perhaps the highlight of the play. His movements are exaggerated, but not overdone, and his facial expressions are comical but not preposterous. He has captured the essence of Robert and is very successful in presenting him to the audience.

M. Roy's portrayal of Gaspard is excellent. Although much of the humor involved in his role is verbal, his facial interpretation is incomparable. Time and time again he has the audience holding their sides with his zany expressions.

The quality of the whole company was tested in the first act when a stand-up lamp was accidentally knocked over in one of the more active scenes. Without a minute's hesitation, the company made the mishap a part of the scene.

The set of the play rivals the quality of the acting. While it is simple, it is well-constructed and depicts the atmosphere of the modern Parisian home admirably.

All in all, the debut of Le Theatre Francais du Niagara was highly enjoyable and the company should enjoy a very successful stay in Welland.

Press Theatre

Thrills, suspense Sleuth a winner

By BILL RADUNSKY

Matching deceit with counter deceit, two adversaries use their wits to take the joke to its extreme death.

As Press Theatre presents a Season of World Theatre, at Brock University's College of Education Theatre, the play representing Great Britain, Sleuth by Anthony Shaffer, has given the theatre and St. Catharines a winner. The play was shown Jan. 23-25 and 27-31

The play is set in a famous mystery novelist's English Norman manor. A young guest arrives, Milo Tindle, who is ultimately accused by the novelist, Andrew Wyke, of wanting to marry his wife. From that moment on as they say, the plot thickens, really thickens.

The question is who is going to win the ensuing battle of wits and just as important, what exactly is going to decide the winner.

Superb performances were handed in by Ivor Barry as Andrew Wyke, the eccentric novelist and practical joker who carries his jokes to the extreme and John Bayliss as Milo Tindle who after getting caught in Wyke's web, shows an astuteness for the game himself.

Mr. Barry, born in Wales, began his acting career in British repertory and came to Canada in 1954. He spent 12 years working in Canadian radio and television, and moved to Hollywood in 1966. He has appeared in such television series as Hawaii Five-O, Mannix and Bonanza and such films as The Scorpio Letter, The Great White Hope, The Andromeda Strain and Herbie the Love Bug Rides Again.

John Bayliss has worked at The Citadel, Edmonton; La Poudriere, Montreal; Theatre New Brunswick; St. Lawrence Centre; Tarragon Theatre, Toronto and Sudbury Theatre Centre. His television work includes the Corsican Brothers, The Play's the Thing and Police Surgeon.

The set and technical finesse added much to the production, credit for these must be given to the Niagara College Theatre Centre who handled that end.

With all the suspense and so-called thrillers on stage and screen these days, Sleuth must still stand out as a thriller a cut above the rest. It holds the audience in suspense till the closing minutes of the play, a rare quality that is greatly appreciated.

Jobs

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The Board of Governors drew up a resolution opposing this policy. The resolution which was sent to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities was as follows;

"Whereas the Board of Governors of Niagara College is aware that job opportunities in the Ontario Government for community college graduates may not be as plentiful as in past years, due to the current economic situation and that it may be simpler to fill such openings by limiting recruiting to the Metropolitan Toronto area.

"Be it resolved; that the Niagara College Board of Governors recommends to the Minister of Colleges and Universities that all college graduates from all parts of the province be given an equal opportunity to compete for the available job openings."

Carousel coming to N/C

With two Niagara College theatre personnel in its ranks, Fair Game, the latest production of the Carousel Players of St. Catharines, will open a tour of the Niagara region tomorrow night.

Joan Davies, an instructor with the college's Theatre Arts department, used part of her sabbatical to work as a costume co-ordinator with the company.

Win Bray, a Theatre Arts student, is working as an apprentice with the company.

Fair Game—which takes a look back at International Women's Year—is billed as a new theatre concept for this area and is also Carousel's first adult presentation.

It will be presented in Studio Theatre style which director Desmond Davis describes as "serious because it wants to sustain a stimulating dialogue with the audience, although it often accomplishes this through the use of comedy, music or revue. It belongs very personally and very immediately to the audience."

The tour begins at Carousel's new theatre in First United Church in St. Catharines every Friday and Saturday in February, starting Feb. 6.

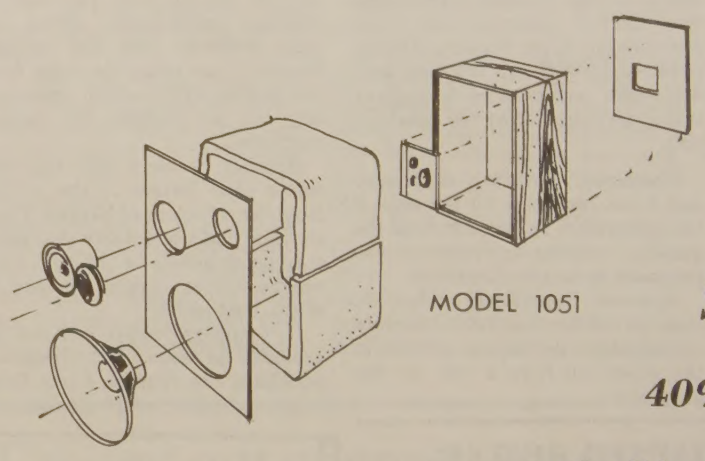
It will be presented at Niagara College Theatre Centre Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13. Curtain for all performances is 8 p.m.

Library students make presentation

Niagara College was the only community college to make a presentation at the third annual Ontario Library Association School Library Division Midwinter Extravaganza, said R.J. Bowman, program co-ordinator, library technician.

The conference was an idea workshop at Hotel Toronto on Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, attended by school library personnel.

Niagara's participation was dramatization of the library technician in the school library. Four situations were portrayed on videotape in which library technician students acted. The four tapes were The Board Decides, The Interview, Library Technician Meets Librarian, and One Year Later.



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New doors opened for Dental Assistants

By DAVE KINDY

A two-month course will be offered to graduating dental assistants this year that could open new doors for them.

The course, called Preventative Dental Assistants, will run through May and June for Dental Assistant students and they will learn to do routine dental work.

Mary Bondarchuk, Dental Assistant program co-ordinator, said this course will go beyond the two-term dental program and deeper into psychology, preventative dentistry, dental science, radiography and clinical procedure.

But the important part of the optional course is that graduates will be qualified to polish teeth, apply topical flourides, construct dams (rubber sheets used to isolate an area in the mouth for surgery) and scaling.

"The dental assistant will be taking over some of the load from the dentist," Mrs. Bondarchuk said. "She'll be able to do the more routine procedures to allow the dentist more time to do the demanding and delicate work."

There is a demand for dental assistants who can double as dental hygienists, Mrs. Bondarchuk said. She said graduates, previously unable to do this type of work, will now have a greater job and salary opportunities.

"There is a demand for people with this training," Mrs Bondarchuk said. "There used to be only one school that offered dental hygiene—the Faculty of Dentistry. George Brown, Algonquin and others offer it but dentists still need these girls. Their earning power will naturally go up."

She said previously dental hygienists were in such demand that dentists would train their own assistants to do the routine work.

Since there are only eight dentist's chairs, the course can take only 16 students, Mrs. Bondarchuk said. This may present a problem. There are 35 girls in the dental program this year and several have shown interest in taking the course, she said. She said 40 students from outside the college have indicated interest in the course.

Changing views of the mentally ill

By JOHN BRUCE

It may not look like much from the street, but for some 70 residents of Welland, the aging white frame house on West Main Street is a haven of friendship and acceptance in an often hostile world.

BONNIE BATTYANYI

This is the home of the Welland branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). The White Door Social Centre, which the branch operates, is also located here.

One of the biggest problems encountered by an emotionally disturbed person is the misconception by the general public that he is something less than a complete person, Bonnie Battyanyi, branch program co-ordinator said. It amounts to fear of having to deal with something they don't understand.

"There's quite a stigma about mental health in Welland," Mrs. Battyanyi said. One of the goals of the branch in Welland is to try and change this view.

To accomplish this, the Welland branch is embarking on a community education program, providing information what mental health really is. "We'd like to make the community aware of what we're doing," she said.

As part of this campaign, four first-year journalism students have been selected to do public relations work for the organization. Angus Middlemiss, Don Loucks, Joe Wedsworth and Nelly Oostrum expect to start on the project soon.

The Welland branch was established June 1, 1975, when the national branch of the CMHA granted its charter. Up until then, Welland was served by the Niagara South branch located in Niagara Falls, 20 miles away.

The first headquarters of the Welland branch was located at the Welland Tennis Club, provided by the Welland Recreational Committee rent free.

Last month, when United Appeal funds were made available, the branch moved to its present location at 157 West Main St.

The branch rents half of a house, complete with a kitchen, living room, office and dining area.

The branch is staffed by four full-time employees and seven active volunteers.

Mrs. Battyanyi is in charge. Dave Boucar is the branch recreation director, Carol Voth is the member contact person and the branch secretary is Petrea Blais.

Mrs. Battyanyi's salary is paid through United Appeal funds. The salaries of the other staff members are covered by a Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant which expires June 18, 1976.

The United Appeal funds also cover operating costs of the branch. Furniture and equipment in the office and the White Door Social Centre were largely donated by the public.

The branch provides a variety of activities for its members. Arts and crafts, parties and counselling are offered at the White Door Social Centre. Exercise classes and basketball games are conducted at Princess Elizabeth School and swimming is available at the local YMCA. Billiards and snooker are offered at the Billiards and Cue on King Street and a bowling league is run at Miller's Lanes. These services and facilities are provided either free of charge or at nominal cost to the members.

For or Against?

Abortion debate staged at Brock

By MARK TESSIER

Wendell Watters and Laura Sabia both called for the removal of the present abortion laws from the criminal code while Harley Smyth and Gwen Landolt both said they would fight such a move.

The four were involved in a debate concerning abortion and the law, presented by the Brock University philosophy club, at Brock, Jan. 23.

Dr. Watters, president of the MacMaster Medical Centre, professor of psychiatry at MacMaster and author of the book Compulsory Parenthood, set about "to explode some of the myths surrounding abortion." He said research had proven beyond doubt that abortion does not cause sterility or ectopic pregnancies. Research had also shown "pretty definitely" that premature infants were not a result of a previous abortion.

Further research has uncovered "overwhelming" evidence that abortion does not cause psychological disturbances to women who have had an abortion, Dr. Watters said. But forcing a woman to continue her pregnancy can cause serious problems.

Under the present law, Dr. Watters said, all abortions are illegal except those which are approved for life or health reasons by a Therapeutic Abortion Committee. This law forces the woman who wants an abortion to "prostitute herself" by threatening sickness or death if she does not get an abortion. This law is "one of the most violent bits of machinery ever introduced into medicine," he said.

Dr. Smyth, a neurosurgeon at Toronto Wellesley Hospital, said he was "fascinated by the fact that the only reference to the unborn child has been the obligation of the medical profession to the parent and fetus." He said that it was a biological fact that life is present in the fetus, and that "the wilful procurement of death before birth" is an "act of enormous violence directed at a person on their way."

Refering to the Therapeutic Abortion Committees, Dr. Smyth said he felt the term was a contradiction as abortion does not treat any disease or symptom and therefore cannot be termed "therapeutic."

At the hospital where he works, Dr. Smyth said there 1,018 live births last year, while there were 1,091 abortions. He said he felt abortion was an easy solution to a sometimes difficult situation. He told of a case he treated where a pregnant woman had a brain lesion. The strain of childbirth in this condition could be fatal to both mother and child. But through neurosurgery, the condition was corrected and the pregnancy was continued successfully. Dr. Smyth said the rise in abortions was continuing, despite the medical knowledge which could possibly solve some of the pre-natal problems that lead to abortion.

Mrs. Sabia, chairman of the Ontario Advisory Council on the Status of Women, was a late replacement for author Eleanor Pelrine. Speaking as a practising Roman Catholic and a feminist, she aid she feels "women must make decisions for themselves." Stressing the fact that she herself does not believe in abortion as a method of contraception, Mrs. Sabia said abortion is "very much a moral decision" and one group should not impose its thinking on another.

The law as it stands now is not workable, Mrs. Sabia said. "If the state has no rights in the bedrooms of the nation, it also has no rights in the wombs of the women of the nation," she said.

Mrs. Sabia said she felt discouraged that debates concerning abortion always resulted in the polarization of the opposing points of view. She accused Dr. Smyth of being a factor in the perpetuation of this polarization.

Dr. Smyth replied that he could not accept abortion as a solution and said it was his purpose to polarize the debate.

Ms. Landolt, a British Columbia lawyer, author and national president of the Right to Life group, said she, too, is a feminist. She said she felt she was speaking for the majority of Canadians when she said legalization of abortion is not desirable. She produced the results of an Aug. 20, 1975 Gallup Poll which stated that 77 per cent of those surveyed were not in favor of "wide-open abortion laws."

In reference to Mrs. Sabia's comments, she said, "It is in the wombs of the nation that the future of the state lies."

"As a feminist, I cannot reach over and oppress the rights and life of an unborn child. It would be hypocritical," Ms. Landolt said. She compared the plight of the fetus to that of the North American Indian, the citizens of My Lai and the enslavement of the black people in 19th century America.

Calling abortion reactionary rather than progressive, Ms. Landolt said, "Abortion falls into the Playboy philosophy, making the woman a foolproof plaything."

Although the right to make decisions is desirable in most situations, "freedom of choice must be limited in order to protect other people," she said.

As an alternative to abortion, Ms. Landolt called for government programs, such as subsidies for housewives and guaranteed pre-natal health care.

N/C hospitality student wins Canadian Restaurant Award

John Candeloro, 22, of Niagara Falls, has been awarded the Canadian Restaurant Association Bursary Award for 1975-76.

This annual award is one of the most prestigious and coveted awards in the hospitality industry, said Derek Barnett, co-ordinator, hotel and restaurant administration. Competition is open to graduating students in hospitality programs at community colleges.

"I'm very honored and excited," said John, when the award was presented. John was nominated for the award by the dean and faculty of the School of Business. Nominees must exhibit outstanding qualities of leadership and human relations and show professional promise.

"All our recipients have done extremely well in the field," Mr. Barnett said.

John received an engraved scroll and a cheque for $250 to be used for tuition. After nomination, he was required to submit a resume and short report on front office management to the foundation.

JOHN CANDELORO

In May, John will take up duties with Canadian Pacific Hotels. Since age 13, he has been employed in the hospitality industry, starting as a dishwasher. Last summer, John was front office manager at the Sheraton-Foxhead Inn in Niagara Falls.

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Editorials now heard on CKNC, Radio Niagara

Editorials can now be heard on CKNC, Niagara College's radio station. Allan Leith, radio and TV instructor, said a one-minute editorial is being read every day at 12.02 p.m.

Written by second year radio students, the editorials range in topic from international affairs to problems on the college campus.

"Topics cover just about anything you want to talk about," Mr. Leith said, "as long as it can not be considered libelous in any way."

Mr. Leith said that although no one had phoned the station to express agreement or disagreement with the editorials, he had heard students in the halls talking about them and so far they have gone over well.

He considered it good work for the students as they are able to express opinions, where they were unable to do before.

CKNC also accepts editorials written by any student, staff or faculty member. Also, the writer of the editorial may be allowed to read it himself over the air.

Mr. Leith asks anyone interested in having an editorial put on the radio to phone extensions 296 or 300.

Ambulance course to be offered

An ambulance attendants course is to begin at Niagara next September.

The one-year course, which will teach practical studies on patient care in emergencies, will be limited to 45 students, Robert Baddeley, chairman of allied health programs said. Students must have a chauffeurs licence.

Mr. Baddeley said the program has been approved by the provincial review committee but must still be approved by the Council of Regents.

Until a program co-ordinator can be hired, Mr. Baddeley will be in charge of the course. He said he hoped the program would eventually have two staff members.

Lower prices for IEEE calculators

The Niagara College Chapter of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) has announced new, lower prices for its already marked-down calculators.

The new prices became effective last month. Anyone who bought a calculator from IEEE in January can get a refund equal to the difference between the old price and the new ones.

The new prices are:

	Market price	IEEE price
TI 2550	$61.95	$49.00
TI 16-11	50.00	45.00
SR 50 A	100.00	90.00
SR 51 A	151.00	135.00

The price of model TI 1250 remains the same.

The price of model TI 1250 remains the same.

Gordon Chen, faculty advisor for the IEEE said the sale will continue only until mid-February because the time involved cuts into the students' class time. It will be resumed at the beginning of the next school year.

The IEEE hoped all Niagara students would take advantage of the sale. "We are doing it for the convenience of the other students."

HUGE MINERAL DEPOSIT

Huge deposits of copper, silver and zinc were discovered north of Timmins in 1964.

First ski trip of year a smashing success

By PHIL WILSON

Niagara College Ski Club's first ski trip of the year was, to put it mildly, a smashing success.

The bus left the college Thursday night Jan. 22 for St. Donat, Que. with 41 people aboard. It was an 11-hour trip but no one seemed to mind as all were in high spirits.

Unfortunately, there were some injuries on the trip, including strained knee ligaments to one skier on his first run.

Upon our arrival early Friday morning, everyone, bleary-eyed though we were, wanted to hit the slopes as soon as possible. So a quick breakfast and we were off. Surprisingly, we were the only people on Mount Garceau that morning. This, however, might have had something to do with the fact that the temperature was -40 degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit.

After a long day's skiing, on top of an all-night bus ride, one would think sleep would be the order of the day. Never! After supper, it was into the Disco for drinking and dancing till 3 or 4 a.m.

The Disco was part of the hotel, The Manoir Des Laurentides, which is about 80 miles north of Montreal and only two minutes from Mount Garceau.

The Disco had a great sound system, playing non-stop dance music. It was a comfortable bar with big soft couches and a beautiful fire place. And, glory be, unlike Ontario drinking lounges, those in Quebec don't close until 4 a.m.

After a night or two of this, some people would probably like to sleep. But, skiers being masochists to start with, we were up before 8 a.m..

The price for this memorable weekend was only $80. That includes bus fare, food—which was excellent—lodging and tow tickets. We got more than our money's worth.

Oh, by the way, skiing conditions throughout the trip were excellent.

And a special word of thanks to the club president, Marie Ellen Greggain, who did all the organizing and planning for the trip. Her constant worrying and plain hard work made the trip the success it was.

And also thanks to our driver, Ben, who put up with 41 extremely rowdy people and at the end of it all said he'd be glad to be our driver again. Did I say skiers were masochists?

It was a great trip and despite the exhausted looks on Monday morning, everyone must be looking forward to Vermont six weeks hence.

Snow falling, so are people

Students and staff at Niagara College have voiced some concern at snow removal practices on the main campus. The statistics are now rolling in.

Marion Kerr, health centre nurse, said two accidents have been reported this year, both involving teachers. "Fortunately there was nothing serious." Last year, four persons reported injuries due to falls on ice and snow.

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said his budget for snow removal this winter is $6,000. He fells this amount is entirely adequate for the job.

A commercial firm has been hired to clear the lots and sidewalks the night after snow falls. As their other duties permit, the custodians and building superintendents work on snow removal. No additional staff is hired for the snow removal job.

All levels

Tutoring in mathematics available at Niagara College

A program to help students with mathematical problems headed by Allan Tustin, has been organized in the college. The program is not new to the college but lately it has not been as popular as Mr. Tustin hoped it would be.

Not a credit course, the program is private tutoring in mathematics, available to any student who wants it.

"We're just trying to reduce the failure rate, make sure everyone passes and has a good year," Mr. Tustin said.

The program was started in November, 1974, and until last term some 400 students came for help. This term, however, only 30 have turned up.

Posters have been up in the halls advertising the program. As Mr. Tustin said, "We're trying to stir up some business."

All levels of mathematics are taught. Mr. Tustin said most of his students are those who have had problems since high school. Each student is taught on an individual basis and Mr. Tustin will help them with assignments of problems they meet.

"I wish people wouldn't be so shy about coming," Mr. Tustin said. "I don't know their names. I don't tell their teachers."

Because tutoring is in the lower level of the library, near the back, the location is a good area for studying. There are plenty of desks available for the students.

Amateur coaching course first certified in Ontario

A course in the amateur coaching of sports has been set up at Niagara College this term, the first certified coaching program offered in Ontario.

Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, said the course was one of the most popular in community education. "As soon as people find out about it, they register."

"Soccer, hockey, baseball and lacrosse leaders in the coaching field are concerned that children be given the best possible amateur coaching," Mr. Robinson said. "Eventually all coaches in Ontario may be required to have official certification."

Mr. Robinson said the college hopes to extend community courses, first in the arts and crafts division, then in the sports and fitness area.

Other sports and fitness courses becoming popular are yoga and judo programs.

"Yoga could easily double its offerings on all campuses and judo is increasingly popular," he said.

By 1980 our present system of measurement will be no more. Metrication will replace the bulky British system with which we are so familiar.

Injuries costly Knights suffer

Niagara's Hockey Knights suffered their worst loss so far this season, losing 13-2 to St. Clair Saints, powerhouse of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's hockey series.

The Knights were unable to score until the third period when Norm Lalonde and Pat Flynn netted the Niagara goals.

"St. Clair are a good hockey team," Coach Fred Bassi said. "I don't feel disgraced about being beaten by a better team."

The Knights lost four of their starting six defenceman to injuries before the end of the first period and the replacements Bassi brought in for the game "weren't used to our system," he said.

He said the St. Clair coach praised Niagara for playing "as good as most teams for the first period and a half."

In the third period, however, the 4½ hour bus trip and the injuries, combined with the abilities of the still undefeated St. Clair team to slow down the Knights to a point from which they could not rally.

It was the fourth meeting of the two teams this season. St. Clair won the other three meetings 7-2, 7-2 and 10-4

Niagara Knights humbled, 96-97 by defending champs George Brown

Powerful George Brown, defending national community college champions, embarrassed the Niagara Knights basketballers 96-67 in a game played here Jan. 22.

The loss eliminated the Knights from a chance at the playoffs.

Niagara stayed with the strong Toronto team for the first 15 minutes of the first half, managing to keep within 10 points. But the Huskies put the game on ice in the last four minutes of the first half, showing the fast break and fire power, along with an aggressive defence, which made them number one on the community college loop last year.

Curtis Tillman of George Brown put on quite a show all night, shooting, rebounding and scoring at will. Tillman possesses a jumping ability unrivalled in the league. His rebounding takes place a good foot above the rim and he appears to hang in the air for an inhumanly long time. His shooting is seemingly effortless, practically lackadaisical, yet he missed only once during the Niagara game.

If he has a shortcoming, it appears to be his attitude toward the game, the league, and even his team-mates.Several times during the Niagara game, he was heard making derogatory (to say the least) comments above the limited crowd noise, to both opposing Niagara players and his mates. And throughout the game it was painfully obvious that, although he was the most talented player on the floor, Mr. Tillman was not trying to play to his full potential.

Perhaps the only bright spot in the Niagara loss was the play of Dave Zalba in the second half. Although he is only five feet, 10 inches tall, Dave was a demon on the backboards at both ends of the floor. He managed to sneak into position at the offensive end time and time again, grabbing rebounds away from men six to eight inches taller than himself.

At the other end, sheer hustle made up for his lack of size as he led a Niagara fast break attack which might have kept the game close if it had materialize in the first half.

Rick Chase and Tillman paced the George Brown scoring effort with 16 points each. Brian Johnson led Niagara with 16, while Zalba had 10.

cage action

Ladies

Niagara College Ladies basketball team was beaten Jan. 21, by Sheridan College, Toronto, 54—16.

For Niagara, Doris Sukurs was top scorer with eight points, followed by Monica Rose with four, and Maria Carboni and Wanda Mallabar with two points each.

Ronnie Markovic lead the way for the Sheridan team, scoring 22 points. Lillian Handson was second highest scorer for Sheridan with 11 points.

The girls will play the Mohawk College team Feb. 12, at Niagara.

Men

The Niagara basketball team ventured to Windsor Jan. 24 to play the St. Clair Saints and left the victims of a 98—46 drubbing.

The Knights were never in the game as the Windsor team dominated the backboards at both ends of the floor allowing them to score and fast-break at will. Half-time had the Niagara cagers on the short end of a 43—20 scorestick.

Mike Roos and Duane Newby lead the St. Clair attack with 17 points each. Brian Johnson scored 12 for Niagara with Tom Boese adding 11 in a losing effort.

Pot Shots

By ROB POTTER

All Star Time (yawn)

It's all-star time again.

The time of year (the winter sports year, that is) when all the best players in hockey, football and basketball get together to wear sweaters and pants decorated with stars and mumble cliches about how a) exciting or b) boring the all-star game is.

The first to come our way was the World Hockey Association's All-Star match-up, featuring Canada against the U.S.A.

We had to laugh. Just the thought of the WHA calling anything they're connected with an all-star affair was hilarious in itself. But when we saw the sweaters that looked like something out of the winter olympics, we just couldn't believe that anyone but the town moron would fall for the impression that Canada was playing the United States.

The Canadian teams (featuring such Canadian talent as Anders Hedberg of Sweeden) won the game, beating the U.S. team (featuring that great American, Gordie Howe) by a score of 6-1.

In fact there were more Canadians on the U.S. team than the Canadian team.

Of all the players who "performed" in that game, probably fewer than 10 were of professional calibre.

Some all-star game right?

The revoltng thing is that 15,491 fans filed into Cleveland's arena to see the game.

Not ony is that a record for WHA all-star games, but unless we missed something it's more than most of the league's regular season games draw.

This seems to show that the WHA built almost entirely on publicity and the publicity campaign for the all-star game must have been sumthin' else.

The only thing the National Hockey League's all-star game offered that the WHA didn't was a better calibre of player.

The Montreal Canadiens provided most of the excitement in the first half of the game with Peter Mahovlich, Guy Lafleur and goaltender Ken Dryden starting the Prince of Wales Conference to a 7-1 win.

Canadian anthem highlight

Highlight of the game was Roger Doucet's singing of the Canadian National Anthem which even drew cheers from the Philadelphia (that's in the U.S. remember) crowd.

For a while it seemed like all we were going to hear from the PA announcer all night was "goal scored by (fill in the blank) from Guy Lafleur and Peter Mahovolich."

The Wales conference was leading 7-1 halfway through the game but Wayne Thomas was unable to play his usual game and late in the third period the score was 7-5 and we were threatened with having to face overtime.

Now come on! Overtime in an all-star game!! Please, league directors, don't do us any favors. Especially this soon after the Soviets played here.

We also have football's Pro Bowl which pits the best players in the NFC against the best of the AFC.

This year it was threatened by a strike. Ha-Ha.

When the president of the National Football League Player's Assocition, Ed Garvey, asked for a stike to vote among the members, they refused to even give him the satisfaction. Well, it must be nice to be so influential, eh, Ed?

So the game went on as planned with the NFC overcoming a 13-0 half-time deficit to win 23-20.

The game was not without its highlights. Dan Pastorini's touchdown pass to Ken Burrough to give the AFC its halftime lead was great but it seemed the high point came when Oakland AFC punter Ray Guy, hit the gondola in the New Orleans Superdome with a second quarter boot.

Usually the NBA's all-stars put on a pretty good show. We recall Jerry West's performance a couple of years ago scoring a last-second basket to win the game for the West division.

To add to the mountain of all-star rhetoric already preserved for posterity in various sections of the sports media, the all-star games are usually pretty boring, with the odd exception.

They do, however, give some idea of what kind of games we could see if expansion had been carefully ommitted from the English language.

Perhaps Floyd Smith, coach of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, and the Prince of Wales division all-stars this year, summed it up best when he said, "I'd like to package them all up and take them back to Buffalo."

We have to agree. It would be great to see teams like those which played in the all-star games playing together regularly, rather than watching the Washington Capitals (now approaching obscurity) and the Minnesota Nostars— er— North Stars.

Thanks but no thanks

On much the same topic, Saturday, Jan. 24, we fans here in the shadow of Toronto got to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Vancouver Canucks.

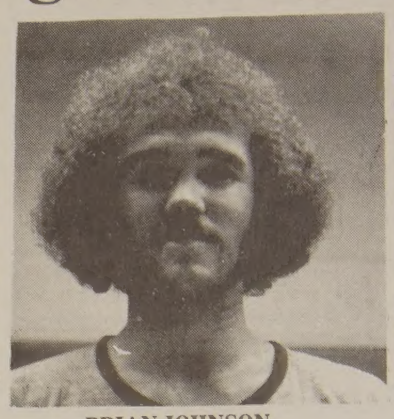
How nice of the CBC to spare us the pleasure of watching the NHL's two top teams, the Philadelphia Flyers and the Montreal Canadiens the same night. We weren't really angry until we saw the scores coming from Montreal while watching stars like Blaine Stoughton serve his teammates' penalties.

Why doesn't the CBC get off Foster Hewitt's laurels and show the best game each week rather than forcing us to watch exhibitions of boredom like they did that night.

Niagara cagers come close but fail to gain victory

The Jan. 17 weekend was surrounded with defeat for the Niagara basketballers, as they dropped two games which they could have won.

Buffalo was the site of the game Friday, Jan. 16, as the Knights went to battle against the D'Youville College Spartans. Niagara started the game quickly and after five minutes was leading by seven points. But the D'Youville team came alive and went ahead 25—18 with five minutes remaining in the first half. Once again the Knights came on strong and fought back to take a 38—35 advantage into the dressing room at half time.



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The second half began much the same as the first, with the Knights controlling the ball well and maintaining a 5—8 point margin. The game was lost, however, when the Knights slipped into one of their now-famous defensive lapses. A missed Niagara shot was converted into an easy fast break by the Spartans, followed by another, and another, and another. With six minutes remaining, the Niagarans were down eight points. The teams traded baskets for most of the remainder of the game. Final score: D'Youville 79, Niagara 73.

Kevin Tucker and Rich Grayson of D'Youville led all scorers with 22 and 20 points respectively. Tucker turned in and extremely strong game at both ends of the floor.

Brian Johnson topped the Niagara scoring parade with 19 points while Dave Zalba netted 11 and Tom Boese added 10. Boese was probably the outstanding Niagara player in the game as he effectively blocked up the defensive key area, blocked several shots and cleared both backboards throughout the game.

The following Monday, Jan 19, the b-ballers travelled to Oakville where they played the aggressive Sheridan cage crew. The Knights started poorly, allowing the taller Sheridan team to break fast and open up an early six-point lead. The Knights came back, however, and after evening up the score, went to the dressing room on the short end of a 39-38 score.

The second half began with the Knights taking early control and moving ahead by five. But once again the Knights fell asleep and Sheridan literally ran up a fourpoint advanatge with 4½ minutes to play.

For the next four minutes the Knights were unable to find the range and they were held scoreless until the last 30 seconds of the game. The Niagara frustration was doubly emphasized when Sheridan's Gord McNeice dropped a shot from centre at the buzzer.

The game was marred by some rather dubious, and sometimes non-existent, officiating. The Knights were tagged with 26 fouls in the game while the chippy Sheridan gang was assessed 14.

Sheridan's Nick Maandag and McNeice led all scorers with 22 and 19 points respectively. Wayne Wiese and Mike Soucie picked up 16 each, while Johnson and Zalba were next with 12 and 10.

Sheridan took the game by a 73-64 margin.

SPORTS

Love of competition keeps Julienne going

By CAROL McKNIGHT

When she walks barefoot onto the mat, her long blonde hair pulled tightly into a pony tail, spectators don't notice that she's only 5 feet high. Instead, they see the black belt wrapped neatly around her white judo outfit.

Her name is Julienne O'Brien. She has won the All Ontario Women's Judo Championship twice and the Eastern Canada Women's Judo Championship once. She has a collection of 40 trophies won at cities throughout Ontario, including Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and Cornwall.

Last December Julienne was one of five women picked by Howard Wheatly, president of Judo Canada, to represent Canada in the English Open for Women in Judo. She fought and lost twice.

"It was rough," she said. "The girls were a lot stronger. They had different techniques and styles."

Her losses were not so bad, however, considering she was competing against 800 top women athletes from countries around the world.

Paul Charlebois, Niagara College Judo instructor, has been Julienne's coach since she started five years ago. "She's a model student," Mr. Charlebois said. "You cannot have any better for a student. She listened to everything. You showed her then she practised."

Mr. Charlebois said the reason for Julienne's losses in England were due mainly to nervousness.

"If she would have had someone she knew there with her I think she'd have done better. She was too nervous. It was her first time that far away from home and it was a big competition."

When the Welland Judo Club, where Julienne first began taking judo, joined with the college, she did not take out a membership. She did, however, come out frequently to better herself and to help others. Occasionally she teaches judo classes in Port Colborne.

For now, Julienne is unable to compete in judo competitions due to high blood pressure. She said she was advised by her doctor to quit but she hasn't decided whether or not she will give it up for good.

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This hiring policy was not put into effect at the college's inception. As a result, in some cases there are relatives in the same department.

At Brock Dr. Marcia Reecer, charged in June 1974, that she was not hired by the university's English department because her husband, Dr. George Reecer, was already a member of the staff.

A committee set up by the Canadian Association of University Teachers decided the department's refusal to hire "was founded on inappropriate criterion, namely the family relationship of Marcia to George Reecer." The university decided to pay.

Brock's policy on hiring is the same as Niagara's, Dr. Earp said, but it is under consideration.

Knights shine in hockey win

By ERIC BOWMAN

Niagara Knights hockey team put on their most impressive offensive display defeating Conestoga 11—5 in action at the Welland Arena on Jan. 17.

Pat Flynn scored three goals for the Knights while Bill Brown and Doug Ness added two each. Singles went to Dave Fast, Tom MacClean, Bob Buckner and Bob Stuart.

The Knights led 3—1 after the first 20 minutes of play in a period that featured some rough and chippy play. The Knights picked up six minors while the Condors drew four minors as referee Harry Debine tried to keep the game under control.

The Condors pulled to within a goal, scoring at the 40 second mark of the period. Niagara wasn't content with a one goal lead and scored two goals in 27 seconds to pull ahead 5—2. Conestoga fought back with two goals of their own to again close the gap to one goal before Bob Buckner made it 6—4 to close out the period.

As the third period opened Conestoga again pulled to within a goal but couldn't tie the game. A goal by Bill Brown started the Niagara rampage as they went on to score five unanswered goals and skate off with an 11—5 victory. Brown's goal took the steam out of the Conestoga attack. The Condors were looking for a victory following a humiliating 22—2 loss to league leaders St. Clair of Windsor.

Like the first period, the third period was rough and featured some hard hitting. The Knights picked up five minors and two game misconducts while the Condors were assessed five minors and a high sticking major.

With six seconds remaining in the game, the major was given to Dave Harrison for taking a stick swing at Bob Buckner, who fell to the ice. Team mate Bob Tysen charged after Harrison who skated for the Conestoga bench. Tysen was restrained by the linesmen and when peace was restored, was ejected from the contest as was Bill Brown for unsportsmanlike conduct.

OSAP raises loan ceiling, allowances, but not tuition

By BEV DELANEY

Ontario students will have to pay back an extra $200 to the government if they finance their education on student loans. Tuition fees will not be raised, however.

Basic allowances used to determine loans will be increased and an additional $11.45 million will be pumped into the student loan program.

Changes in the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) were announced in January by Dr. Harry C. Parrott, minister of colleges and universities. OSAP combines a federal loan program with provincial grants. It is designed to make education available to students who might otherwise not afford it.

The budget increase reflects rising demand for student assistance. Applications for assistance have increased 11 per cent in the current year, up from 1974-75. Enrolment increased only 5½ per cent in the same period.

To cope with increased demand and higher basic allowances, it was necessary to raise the basic loan ceiling from $800 to $1,000. This amount must be repaid. Students who can demonstrate further need qualify for provincial grants which are usually non-repayable.

Board and lodging and miscellaneous allowances have been increased from $51.50 per week to $57 for students living away from home, and to $36 from $32.95 for students living at home. Book allowances have also been increased 10 per cent. Actual local transportation costs will be allowed to a maximum of $8 per week.

Parental income levels used in calculating the amount of student assistance needed, have been adjusted to take into account the effect of inflation and the difficulties parents have in contributing to their children's education.

Students returning to school from the work force will be required to save only 10 per cent of the previous 8 months' earnings, or an amount based on students' required summer savings, whichever is greater. The previous requirement was 25 per cent of earnings.

"I think there is great merit in students working during the summer months and at off-hours during their school terms to help with their expenses," Dr. Parrott said, "and beginning in September, 1976, students receiving assistance from OSAP will be allowed to earn up to $500 per term during the academic year, before their part-time earnings will be considered in the calculation of assistance."

There will be no major revision of OSAP this academic year, pending the report of the interim advisory committee on financial assistance for students. The committee's report is expected in July, 1976, and any changes resulting from its recommendations will not be put into effect until 1977-78.

Dr. Parrott advised students to apply for OSAP assistance as soon as possible to ensure that funds are available when required and to distribute the ministry's work load. The student awards office staffing has been affected by the Ontario government's spending restraint program.

Niagara students should apply to Mrs. M.E. Patterson, student awards officer, at the counselling office.

Protest against cutbacks doesn't reach Niagara

By BEV DELANEY

Recommended cutbacks in post-secondary education spending by the Ontario government have sparked considerable controversy at campuses around the province, but not at Niagara College.

The Niagara Student Administrative Council (SAC) has not been approached by protest organizers, said Dennis Reeves, SAC president. According to Dennis, there has been no interest in any protest at Niagara and SAC does not plan any action.

Brock University students held a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, to voice their disapproval of the fee hikes proposed in the Henderson-McKeough report. About 250 students and faculty attended the meeting with premier William Davis in effigy as a guest. "King Billy" wore a dunce cap.

The Brock students also protesting the increase of minimum loans under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). The basic loan per student per school year will be $1000, up from $800. If students can show further need, additional funding is usually provided thrugh non-repayable provincial grants.

No Niagara College representative attended the Brock meeting.

The Henderson report on government spending recomended that students contribute up to 65 per cent. Using these guidelines, university fees would be increased from $588 to $970 and community college fees from $250 to $400.

On Jan. 16, Dr. Harry C. Parrott, minister of colleges and universities, announced that student fees for 1976-77 will remain frozen at current levels.

The Brock meeting was called by the Brock University Student Union (BUSU) under the chairmanship of Pierre Ouellette, president.

About 250 students and faculty listened quietly to the four speakers without any interruption except polite applause.

The first speaker, one of the meeting's organizers, was Marianne Valverde, a fourth-year philosophy student. Her theme was the necessity for students to organize to protect their interests. "We really can't leave our money and our education in the hands of politicians at Queen's Park," she said.

C.A. Plint, dean of Maths and Sciences spoke on behalf of Alan Earp, Brock University president, who was absent on business. He said the Henderson report was "probably overblown" and its suggestions would never be fully implemented. The kind of education during the past 10 years will no longer be possible and cuts will have to be made on some levels, he said. Some quality will suffer.

"One of the problems we face in our society today is that we want everything but we're not prepared to pay for it," Mr. Plint said. "Bread and circuses have been going on for years. Now the circuses have to be paid."

The third speaker, E.A. Cherniak, president of the Brock University Faculty Association (BUFA) said he was in sympathy with the students. In a witty three minute speech, Prof. Cherniak said he hoped the educational system could be changed to allow more poor, more women, more native peoples and immigrants to post-secondary education. Lower, and eventually no tuition fees would encourage students to pursue higher education rather than entre the job market after grade 13.

"The students of Ontario will not stand for increased fees and regressive loans," said Mr. Ouellette, the fourth speaker. He calls upon students to organize on a province-wide basis to study the question and seek solutions. "If we do nothing, we lose."

A short question period and two-hour workshop sessions followed the meeting. Because of low attendance five workshops were merged into one. The final plenary session attracted only 20 and no reports were offered.

The 20 students at the final session, half of whom were student newspaper staff or members of the Brock Student Socialist Coalition, agreed to form an action committee to educate students to future difficulties and maintain and strengthen links with similar groups at other universities and colleges.

Transportation program for Business

The School of Business will offer a new program in transportation management this September. Final approval for the program has now been granted by the Council of Regents.

The program, to be known as Business Administration—Physical Distribution, is being offered in response to interest in the industry. Some courses have been offered through the continuing education division with a good enrolment, said Arnot McIntee, dean of the School of Business.

Physical distribution concerns the transportation of both goods and people, but mainly goods. All means of transportation—rail, truck, air and water——are available and in use in the Niagara region, said Mr. McIntee.

The new program will have a common first year with other business administration programs and no new staff will be hired this year. No major costs will be incurred for 1976-77.

Students may select the transportation option in the third term of a three-year program. Studies will cover all transportation modes, traffic control, customs regulations, tariffs and other related subjects.

Graduates of the program will be suited for employment in major transportation and forwarding companies, traffic departments and customs brokerages. The industry advisory committee has already been formed and is working with the college in program development.

Sheryl Cox

ECE student picked college Queen '76

Attendance of 50 couples and the Niagara College Queen Pageant capped the Winter Formal Jan. 17, making it "one of the best ever."

Adam Macsai, Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive vice-president, was pleased with the showing of student support. SAC was apprehensive about this event after it went broke last year when only 30 people went to the formal.

"It was very successful," Adam said. "This year was 75 per cent better than in years before. Attendance was great."

The evening's main event was the selection of the queen. A panel of judges headed by the college president, Anthony Manera, and the SAC president, Dennis Reeves, chose Sheryl Cox, first year Early Childhood Education student, as Miss Niagara College.

"I was shocked," Sheryl said of her selection. "It was a weird feeling. I just wanted to become involved with college activities, something I hadn't done much of before. I really hadn't counted on winning."

Sheryl was chosen queen over Cynthia Anne Humphrey, first year Medical Records Technician, and Laurel Simpson, first year Health Sciences at the Mack School of Nursing, who became first and second princesses.

The three finalists were chosen by a SAC panel from 13 nominations submitted in early January. Academic status, extra curricular involvement and reason for running for queen, were some of the things taken into consideration in choosing the finalists.

The queen and her court received several gifts from local merchants and SAC. The queen was given about $100 in a gift certificate from area businessmen; the first princess received a $25 gift certificate and the second princess $15.

Adam said there were no protests during the pageant. There had been opposition by some students who had said they intended to protest during the formal. But "absolutely nothing happened."

The Niagara College Queen pageant, once a regular part of school activities, has not been held for a few years. This year's success will mean its reinstatement as a regular school function.

"Since the success involved the pageant and the formal, we're looking to arrange another in the next year," Adam said. "We'll be arranging something better next year and we'll be trying to achieve perfection and a better attendance. We'll try and build up the formals and pageants for years to come."

WINTER BREAK

The college mid-winter break will be Feb. 13 to 16, 1976.

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